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SUMMARY: AFTER CONSIDERING REPORT OF SECRETARIAT ON GAS SITUATION, COMITE REQUESTED SECRETARIAT TO MAKE IMMEDIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH A FACILITY IN VICINITY OF UN HEADQUARTERS TO PROVIDE GASOLINE FOR OFFICIAL MISSION AND UN VEHICLES. COMITE FURTHER DECIDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF LONG TERM SOLUTION SHOULD BE DEFERRED TEMPORARILY.

1. COMITE MET MORNING OF MARCH 14 TO TAKE UP PROBLEM OF PROVIDING GASOLINE FOR OFFICIAL MISSION AND UNITED NATIONS VEHICLES. COMITE HAD BEFORE IT A FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED BY SECTETARIAT. (A/AC.154/26)

2. JOSEPH RAPIN (FRANCE) NOTED THAT GASOLINE SUPPLY SITUATION HAD GREATLY IMPROVED. TO AVOID A FUTURE CRISIS, HE SUGGESTED PROVISION OF GASOLINE CERTIFICATES IF AN EMERGENCY AROSE. SERGEI SMIRNOV (USSR) SAID CONSTRUCTION OF GAS STATION ON UN PREMISES WLD TAKE TIME AND MIGHT INVOLVE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES. HE SUGGESTED EXEMPTION OF DIPLOMATS FROM ODD/EVEN AND HALF TANK RULES AND USE OF TWO OR THREE GAS STATIONS IN AREA. JAIME DE PINES (SPAIN) SUGGESTED THAT IDEAL SOLUTION WLD BE GAS STATION ON PREMISES, BUT AS THIS WLD TAKE TIME,
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HOPED FOR TEMPORARY SOLUTION. LOVITT (UK) SUGGESTED

THAT INTERIM SOLUTION SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT IN PARA 5 OF ITS REPORT SHLD BE STUDIED AND IMPLEMENTED. HE SUGGESTED FURTHER THAT COMITE STUDY LONG TERM SOLUTION, POSSIBLY BY COMITE WORKING GROUP. GHELEV (BULGARIA) EXPRESSED VIEW INTERIM SOLUTION PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT WAS AN EXCELLENT ONE. MATHESON (CANADA) FELT DIPLOMATS SHOULD LINE UP AT GAS STATIONS LIKE REST OF CITIZENRY. AMB SCHAUFEELE (US) FELT SECRETARIAT REPORT WAS USEFUL COMPENDIUM OF POSSIBILITIES. HE FELT PROPOSAL FOR IMMEDIATE SOLUTION WAS FEASIBLE AND WARRANTED ACTION, IF COMITE SO DECIDED. HE POINTED OUT THAT IF SPECIAL INTERIM FACILITIES WERE PROVIDED, IT SHOULD BE SEEN TO THAT SUCH FACILITIES WERE REGULARLY AND FULLY UTILIZED. CONTINUING, SCHAUFEELE SAID USG WAS CONCERNED ABOUT ABILITY OF DIPLOMATS AND SECRETARIAT TO CARRY OUT THEIR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS. USG WAS NOT LOOKING INTO PROBLEMS OF OWNERS OF PRIVATE CARS. ONE ASPECT HAS BEEN NEGLECTED HE SAID. THIS WAS THAT GAS IS AVAILABLE. OUTLET PROPOSED IF FOR OFFICIAL NEEDS BUT IS NOT ONLY SOURCE OF GASOLINE. USG, HE SAID, WAS NOT PREPARED SUPPORT EXEMPTIONS FOR DIPLOMATS. HE STATED HE FOR ONE WLD NOT LIKE TO BE A FOREIGN DIPLOMAT ON LINE AT A GAS STATION WITH AN ODD DPL PLATE ON AN EVEN DAY. HE WELCOMED REPORT OF SECRETARIAT AND PLEDGED COOPERATION.

3. VARIOUS MEMBERS THEN DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF GAS STATION ON UN GROUNDS. QUESTION OF FEASIBILITY, CONTRACTS, AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF STATION WERE REVIEWED. IT WAS DECIDED THAT CONSIDERATION OF QUESTION WLD BE DEFERRED TEMPORARILY.

4. MATHESON (CANADA) ASKED IF CONSULTES WLD BE ABLE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FACILITY NEAR UN HEADQUARTERS. HE WAS ADVSIED THAT FACILITY WLD NOT SERVICE CONSULAR VEHICLES.

5. BEFORE CLOSE OF MEETING, QUESTION OF DATE FOR DISTRIBUTION BY USDEL OF PAPER ON SECURITY OF MISSIONS CAME UP. STOTTLEMYER (US) SAID US HOPED TO HAVE DOCUMENT READY AT A VERY EARLY TIME, BUT TO BE HONEST AND CANDID CLD NOT GIVE EXACT DATE WHEN PAPER WLD BE READY.

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